

### HOLDING PRESIDENT BIDEN ACCOUNTABLE FOR RISING PRICES

(Mr. EMMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. EMMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address a crisis hurting every household in America: skyrocketing prices.

If you listen to the Biden administration, they will tell you that this is a “high-class problem.” This is a lie propagated by those who have never had to do the mental math at the grocery store to make sure the amount in their cart does not exceed the cash in their wallet.

For Democrat leaders, paying 42 percent more at the pump isn’t a problem. I suppose the price of gas isn’t a concern if you are riding government-funded high-speed rail in Silicon Valley.

More than 90 percent of my constituents reported that rising prices are impacting their household budgets. Inflation is destroying Americans’ ability to save for retirement, buy a home, or build wealth. This isn’t a tax on the rich. It is an enormous burden for working Americans.

It is not too late to change course. I have introduced legislation to increase the transparency in government spending so that lawmakers will be forced to answer for reckless spending sprees. Moreover, my Retirement Inflation Protection Act will protect Americans from inflation-driven tax burdens right when they enter retirement.

This crisis is already hitting home for millions of Americans. We must act before it financially cripples generations of Americans to come.

### WHEN WOMEN SUCCEED, AMERICA SUCCEEDS

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, we all know that we do not have economic policies that set women up for success.

The pandemic has put a cruel spotlight on these challenges. In fact, one out of four women has been pushed out of the workforce because the care economy collapsed.

We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to change this paradigm, while supporting a tenuous economic recovery, by making transformative investments in America’s working women.

The Build Back Better agenda invests in childcare, paid family leave, home-based care, universal pre-K, and the child tax credit.

There is no doubt that the Build Back Better agenda sets up women and their families for short-term and long-term success.

And we all know that when women and their families succeed, America succeeds.

### STAND UP FOR SCIENCE

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, this month the current administration made the reckless and undeniably partisan decision to begin reconsultation of the 2019 biological opinions.

In its place, the proposed interim operations plan represents a huge step backward in California’s effort to protect, restore, and enhance the delta ecosystem and provide reliable water supplies.

The 2019 BiOps were built on years of research, comprehensive peer reviews, and the best available science. They advise the most efficient use of water resources while continuing to protect at-risk species.

These BiOps also allow for greater water availability for the Central Valley farmers that feed the world. Questioning these expert findings is antiscience.

I led the entire Republican California delegation in expressing our grave concern to the Secretaries of the Interior and Commerce.

As the California drought worsens, communities in my district face water shortages and farmers are unable to maintain their crops.

I implore my colleagues and this administration to stand up for these suffering families and farmers, stand up for science, and reject this outrageous decision.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. COSTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Sadly, domestic violence has plagued our families and communities in the Nation for far too long.

Each year, one in three women and one in four men in the United States experience domestic violence.

My hometown of Fresno has, sadly, one of the highest rates in California of verified domestic violence calls to the police department.

We cannot ignore these staggering statistics, and we must do more to address this crisis. This year, Congress passed the Violence Against Women Act and the Victims of Crime Act, or VOCA, fix, to prevent violence and expand victim services to our communities.

These bills would help organizations working tirelessly to uplift survivors, including the Marjaree Mason Center, the Centro La Familia, and the Valley Crisis Center in my district.

This week, the House also will be voting on the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act of 2021, of which I am a cosponsor. This

bill aims to improve services for victims of domestic, dating, and family violence, and we need to invest more.

I urge my colleagues to join me in advancing these efforts to end domestic violence. As chair and cofounder of the Congressional Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus, it ought to be our priority to benefit those survivors and provide them the resources they deserve.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF TOM CAVANAGH

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tom Cavanagh of Springfield, Illinois, who passed away this past weekend.

Tom had decades-long service to Springfield and to Sangamon County. Tom was known as a loyal friend and a consistent advocate for taxpayers. Tom spent three decades in public service, serving four terms as Sangamon County treasurer and also county auditor, as Capital Township supervisor of assessments, and on the Springfield Park District board of trustees.

Tom’s years of dedicated service in support of Springfield and Sangamon County culminated in his recognition as the Illinois County Official of the Year in 2018, when he was serving as treasurer.

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Tom knew him for his great sense of humor and commitment to the community he served. Tom always had a knack for finding a way to provide better services at a lower cost for Sangamon and Springfield residents.

Tom will be missed by our Springfield community, but his legacy will carry on through the work he did to better Sangamon County.

As central Illinois continues to mourn Tom’s loss, my thoughts and prayers remain with his family and loved ones.

### FORD IS COMING TO WEST TENNESSEE

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, Ford Motor Company recently announced it is going to place a facility to construct electric trucks at the Memphis megasite in west Tennessee. This site is 50 miles from Memphis and has been developed for the purpose of industrial opportunities for people in west Tennessee who need it well, and it affects Memphis.

We are happy and proud that Ford picked this site for these jobs and for this important environmental effort to have electric batteries for vehicles and electric trucks. We think Ford will be a great representative in Memphis. They have been a good representative in Louisville.